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By Mr. Russell of Wayland, petition of Howard S. Russell that fire-safe facilities be provided for the preservation and storage of valuable books and historical records in the State Library, the State Archives and other public repositories. State Administration.

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## The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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In the Year One Thousand Nine Hundred and Fifty-Four.

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AN ACT TO PROVIDE FACILITIES FOR THE PRESERVATION AND SAFE STORAGE OF CERTAIN VALUABLE BOOKS AND HISTORICAL DOCUMENTS.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:*

1 For the purpose of furnishing a depository, safe  
2 against fire and other casualties for rare, valuable and  
3 irreplaceable books, historical documents and other  
4 similar articles now subject to the hazards of ordinary  
5 storage in the state library, state archives and other  
6 public repositories, the trustees of the state library  
7 are hereby authorized to expend a sum not exceeding  
8 thirty thousand dollars for the outfitting of appropri-  
9 ate space in the New England Deposit Library in the  
10 city of Cambridge or such other fire-safe building as  
11 they may select, and/or for the acquisition of a suit-  
12 able safe or vault to be installed in the state house,  
13 said quarters or safe to serve for the aforesaid pur-  
14 poses until such time as a permanent building for  
15 these or additional purposes may be authorized by  
16 the general court.

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